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SUBJECT: TTBT/PNE NEGOTIATIONS: U.S. REPLIES TO QUESTIONS ABOUT  
EQUIPMENT EXAMINATION AND LOCATION. TTBT/PNE  
DELEGATION MESSAGE NO 55

1. DURING RESTRICTED MEETING DECEMBER 16 U.S. SIDE REPLIED  
TO CERTAIN QUESTIONS FROM SOVIET SIDE AS REPORTED IN PARAS
2. THROUGH 4, BELOW.
2. CONCERNING U.S. TEXT PROPOSING THAT SLIFER EQUIPMENT  
BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR EXAMINATION FOR FIVE DAYS.

BEGIN TEXT.

WE HAVE ADDED A PROPOSED CONDITION THAT EQUIPMENT FOR  
MEASURING YIELD BE AVAILABLE FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE DAYS  
FOR EXAMINATION BY THE PARTY CARRYING OUT AN EXPLOSION.

THE FIVE DAYS IS FAR FROM SACRED; HOWEVER, WE  
BELIEVE IT HIGHLY DESIRABLE TO ESTABLISH SPECIFIC UNDER-  
STANDINGS TO ASSURE THAT THE PROCESS OF EXAMINATION WILL  
NOT CONSUME THE ENTIRE TIME THAT THE EQUIPMENT IS IN THE  
COUNTRY OF THE EXPLOSION.

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THE SPECIFIC FIGURES OF FIVE DAYS IS BASED ON

ESTIMATES OF U.S. PERSONNEL WHO ARE FAMILIAR WITH OUT EQUIPMENT.

WE ARE QUITE PREPARED TO CONSIDER A LONGER TIME IF THE SOVIET SIDE WISHES. ALTERNATIVELY, WE ARE PREPARED TO CONSIDER AN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT FORMULATION IF YOU WISH, IN ORDER TO ASSURE THAT BOTH SIDES HAVE ADEQUATE BUT NOT EXCESSIVE TIME AVAILABLE FOR THE WORK THEY NEED TO DO. END TEXT.

3. CONCERNING U.S. TEXT PROPOSING THAT DESIGNATED PERSONNEL HAVE RIGHT TO GO, BY AGREED ROUTES, TO SITE OF ANY EQUIPMENT INVOLVED IN YIELD MEASUREMENT THAT IS LOCATED MORE THAN 10 KILOMETERS FROM POINT OF EXPLOSION.

BEGIN TEXT.

THIS WOULD MAKE PROVISION FOR PLACING RECORDER OF YEILD MEASURING EQUIPMENT FARTHER AWAY THAN 10 KILOMETERS IF SIDE CARRYING OUT EXPLOSION WISHES TO REQUIRE THIS OR IF SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS MAKE IT SEEM PRUDENT. IT CAN, IF DESIRED, BE QUALIFIED TO PROVIDE FOR MUTUAL AGREEMENT.

END TEXT.

4. CONCERNING U.S. TEXT PROPOSING THAT DESIGNATED PERSONNEL SHOULD HAVE RIGHT TO LOCATE SEISMIC EQUIPMENT AS FAR AS 20 KILOMETERS FROM EXPLOSION POINT.

BEGIN TEXT.

OUR EXPERTS BELIEVE A BETTER PERFORMANCE OF THE SEISMIC NETWORK CAN BE OBTAINED BY INCREASING THE RANGE AT WHICH WE ARE PERMITTED TO POSITION THE SEISMIC STATIONS (OUT TO 20 KILOMETERS FROM THE POINT ON THE SURFACE OF THE EARTH ABOVE THE EMPLACEMENT POINT). THIS CONDITION IS BROUGHT ABOUT BY DECREASING THE IMPULSE EFFECT OF THE LARGER EXPLOSIONS ON THE SEISMIC TRANSDUCERS AND THEREBY INCREASING THE NETWORK'S MONITORING SENSITIVITY FOR A NEARBY COLLATERAL SECRET

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EVENT. ADDITIONALLY, WE HAVE SUGGESTED GIVING UP UNRESTRICTED ACCESS WITHIN THE 10 KILOMETER CIRCLE AROUND THE EMPLACEMENT HOLE AND LIMITATIONS ON ACCESS MAY TEND TO LIMIT A THOROUGH SEARCH FOR THE BEST LOCATIONS FOR THE SEISMIC STATIONS. WE FEEL, THEREFORE, THAT A SOMEWHAT WIDER AREA OF CHOICE IS NECESSARY.

END TEXT.

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